



# ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS FOR REVIEW

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## WEEKLY REPORT OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

The purpose of the environmental review process is to provide information about the environmental effects of the actions and decisions made by the County, so that environmental considerations become a part of the decision making process. The following is a summary of the most recent determinations made by the County's Environmental Coordinator. The purpose of this listing is to notify the public of pending actions, which may affect the environment of San Luis Obispo County.

You are invited to participate in this process by reviewing and providing comments on the recommendations of the Environmental Coordinator. Your comments should be in writing and should be delivered to: **Ellen Carroll, Environmental Coordinator, Department of Planning and Building, 976 Osos Street, Room 300, San Luis Obispo, Ca 93408-2040.** For more information about the environmental review process, please write to the address above, call the Environmental Division of the Department of Planning and Building at (805) 781-5600, or review the environmental determination and other information on our website located at [www.sloplanning.org](http://www.sloplanning.org).

### **Proposed Negative Declarations**

A Negative Declaration is issued for projects that would not result in significant effects on the environment. In many cases, the project applicant has added mitigation measures to the project to reduce environmental impacts in order to qualify for a Negative Declaration. If you disagree with the issuance of a proposed Negative Declaration, you may provide comments or file a Request for Review (appeal) of the Negative Declaration. Requests for Review must be filed within two weeks of the date that the proposed Negative Declaration is posted and must address only environmental issues. There is a fee for the request. If you would like more information about this process, please contact the Environmental Coordinator.

### **For Week of April 9, 2015**

#### Notice of Availability of Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report

WHO: County of San Luis Obispo Department of Planning and Building

WHAT: A Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (DSEIR) for the Countywide Water Conservation Program/ Conservation and Open Space Element is complete and available for public review and comment. The DSEIR addresses the environmental impacts that may be associated with the proposed Countywide Water Conservation Program that includes amendments to the County General Plan and County Codes that would affect water use in both new and existing development, as well as agricultural operations. The proposed Countywide Water Conservation Program is comprised of two components, Water Neutral New Development (WNND) and Water Waste Prevention (WWP).

The proposed WNND component would require that all new urban and rural development offset new water use at a minimum 1:1 ratio in all groundwater basins certified at Level of Severity (LOS) III by the Board of Supervisors (the Urban/Rural Water Offset). The three areas of the county that are currently certified at LOS III for water supply are the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin, the Los Osos Groundwater Basin, and the Nipomo Mesa Management Area. The proposed WNND also requires that, in the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin only, all new or more intensively irrigated agriculture offset new water use at a minimum 1:1 ratio (the Agricultural Offset program). The proposed Agricultural Offset program is an

implementation tool for the WNND irrigated agriculture offset requirement, and is intended as a measure to substantially reduce groundwater extraction and lowering of groundwater levels in the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin only. The proposed Agricultural Offset program would have a sunset provision upon adoption of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan prepared pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

The proposed WWP is comprised of two elements, an ordinance applying to urban and rural development and policy clarifications that would apply to agricultural operations. The proposed ordinance would apply to all existing and proposed urban and rural development within the unincorporated areas of the county where a water purveyor does not already have a similar ordinance (or other comparable program) in place. Provisions to reduce agricultural water waste would be limited to clarifications of policies and implementation measures found in the Agriculture and Conservation and Open Space Elements of the General Plan, which would include best management practices as well as implementation of an educational outreach program.

County File Number: LRP2013-00012.

**WHERE:** Copies of the DSEIR and all documents referenced in the DSEIR, are available for review from the County Environmental Coordinator, 976 Osos St., Rm. 200, San Luis Obispo. Copies of the DSEIR are also available for review at the following locations: Arroyo Grande Library, Atascadero Library, Cambria Library, Creston Library, Los Osos Library, Nipomo Library, Oceano Library, San Luis Obispo Library, San Miguel Library, Santa Margarita Library, Shandon Library, and the Cal Poly Library. The DSEIR is also on the Planning Department's web site at: [www.sloplanning.org](http://www.sloplanning.org) under "Environmental Impact Reports".

**HOW TO COMMENT OR GET MORE INFORMATION:** Anyone interested in commenting on the DSEIR should submit a written statement within the 45-day comment review period to Xzandrea Fowler at the San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning and Building at 976 Osos St., Rm. 200, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408-2040 or to the email address [waterprograms@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:waterprograms@co.slo.ca.us) by 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 15, 2015.

If you need more information about this project, please contact Ms. Fowler at (805) 781-1172 or by email at [waterprograms@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:waterprograms@co.slo.ca.us).

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:** The DSEIR addresses the proposed Countywide Water Conservation Program potential impacts on the following issues: Agricultural Resources and Land Use. The DSEIR also considers four alternatives, including a "No Project" alternative.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Public hearing(s) before the San Luis Obispo Planning Commission have been tentatively scheduled for May 14, 2015, May 29, 2015, June 4, 2015, and June 11, 2015, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Government Center, San Luis Obispo.

Public hearing(s) before the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors have been tentatively scheduled for June 16, 2015, July 7, 2015, July 14, 2015, and July 21, 2015, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Government Center, San Luis Obispo.

**\*\*If you challenge this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this public notice or in written correspondence delivered to the appropriate authority at or before the public hearing\*\***

Official comments must be submitted in writing to ensure the intent of the comment is captured and understood by the County and its consultant.

Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Report for Santa Margarita Quarry Expansion (Hanson Aggregates) Conditional Use Permit and Reclamation Plan Amendment

WHO: County of San Luis Obispo Department of Planning and Building

WHAT: The Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Santa Margarita Quarry Expansion (Hanson Aggregates) Conditional Use Permit and Reclamation Plan Amendment is complete and available for review. The FEIR consists of two separate volumes. The first volume is the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), which was circulated for public review and comment from November 21, 2014 until January 12, 2015. The second volume (entitled FEIR) contains responses to the comments received on the DEIR and related revisions to the DEIR. All portions of the DEIR that have not been revised for the purposes of the FEIR are incorporated by reference into the FEIR.

The FEIR addresses the environmental impacts associated with the request to expand the existing Santa Margarita Quarry by approximately 33 acres (thereby enlarging the quarry footprint from 160.1 acres to 193.1 acres). The proposed expansion would yield an estimated 21.5 million tons of aggregate reserves. These reserves, in combination with existing entitled reserves, would result in the quarry producing 33.2 million tons of aggregate products over a 59-year period. The site is in the North County Planning Area, Salinas River Sub Area, within the Extractive Resource Area (EX1) combining designation overlay. The proposed project is within the Rural Lands and Agriculture land use categories and is located at 16815 El Camino Real, approximately three miles northeast of the community of Santa Margarita.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS: The EIR focuses on the following issues: Aesthetics and Visual Resources, Agricultural Resources, Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Biological Resources, Cultural and Paleontological Resources, Geology, Soils, and Mineral Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Land Use, Noise and Vibration, Public Services and Utilities, Recreation, Transportation and Circulation, Water Quality and Supply. The EIR also considers three alternatives in addition to the "No Project" alternative.

WHERE: Copies of the FEIR are available at the following locations: Atascadero, Santa Margarita, Cal Poly, and SLO City/County Libraries. Copies are also available on loan and for review at the County Planning Department, located at 1976 Osos St., Room 200, San Luis Obispo, 93408. The Final EIR is on the Planning Department's website at: [www.sloplanning.org](http://www.sloplanning.org) under "Environmental Impact Reports" under the link Hanson / Santa Margarita Quarry Expansion Project."

HOW TO COMMENT OR GET MORE INFORMATION: If you need more information about this project, please contact Airlin M. Singewald at (805) 781-5198 (or email: [asingewald@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:asingewald@co.slo.ca.us))

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing before the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission has been scheduled for April 30, 2015, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Government Center, San Luis Obispo. If you plan to attend, please check the Planning Department's website approximately one to two weeks before this date to verify.